

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the indication at paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Office Action that claims 5-6, 8-13, 16-19, 23, 25-28, and 30-31 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Status of the Claims

Claims 4-5, 16, and 23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-3, 6-15, 17-22, and 24-32 are pending.

Amendments to the Specification

The Abstract of the Disclosure, paragraph [0037], has been amended to overcome the objections to the Abstract of the Disclosure under MPEP §608.01(b) at paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action. No new matter has been added.

Objections to the Claims

The Office has objected to claims 13 and 25-28 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c). Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to claims 13 and 25-28 overcome the objections.

35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejections

The Office has rejected claims 1-4, 7, 14-15, 20-22, 24, 29, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), at paragraphs 4-5, pages 3-8 of the Office Action, as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0033853 ("Jones"). Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 5. In addition, Applicants have amended independent claim 14 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 16, and Applicants have amended independent claim 21 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 23. Hence, claims 1, 14, and 21 are allowable.

Claims 2-3 and 7 depend from claim 1, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Accordingly, claims 2-3 and 7 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1. Additionally, claims 15 and 20 depend from claim 14, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Accordingly, claims 15 and 20 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 14. Further, claims 22, 24, 29, and 32 depend from claim 21, which

Applicants have shown to be allowable. Accordingly, claims 22, 24, 29, and 32 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 21.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims. If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney or agent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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